

## Walter Winchell On Broadway

BEDLAM

I understand from reading of the past  
Before we grew so civilized and bright  
That men would take a job and make it last,  
That fellowship and laughter filled the night;  
There was a time when people really toiled  
And took a pride in everything they did,  
When children grew up eager and unspoiled  
Before the Doctors payched each bratty kid;  
But now that we're sophisticated folk  
Why, Capital and Labor fight it out,  
And Amity is just a harmless joke  
And Honor is a word we toss about;  
Perhaps it's time for Atom Bombs to rain  
And clean us out and start us up again!

—DON WAHN.

Cong. Rankin was knocking the immigrants again. He concluded by boasting that both sides of his family could trace their ancestry back to those who came over on the Mayflower.  
A trio named Riley, Cohen and Mcintosh sent Rankin this memo: "Did you have any relatives on the ship we came over on last year? It was the U. S. S. Franklin."  
During a round-table political discussion preceding a radio broadcast, someone remarked he had read some of Rankin's "hate" speeches and wondered how a congressman got away with it.  
"Where did you read what you call 'hate' speeches?" sneered an isolationist. "Winchell's column!"  
"No," signed the broadcaster. "In the Congressional Record."

The boys were discussing Peron sending a pinup girl here as a goodwill ambassador.  
"Why don't we reciprocate," suggested Bill Schiller, "and send Liz Dilling down there?"  
At a recent opening reviewer Kelcey Allen kept bobbing his head and slumping in his seat.  
"What's the matter," asked a neighbor, "having trouble keeping awake?"  
"No," yawned the critic, "keeping asleep!"

Keywood Brown once criticized a mystery play this way: "It was a cleverly contrived plot—against the producer."

George Abbott had a streak of horrible luck the past few seasons—five flops in a row. A dramassassin was moaning to Abbott that his reviews were responsible for the death of so many shows lately he was beginning to feel "like an undertaker."  
"That's a whole lot better," retorted

mindful George, "than feeling like the corpse."

Phil Brito was dining with Danny Kaye. The waiter brought the tab.  
"You sign it," chuckled Brito. "He'd rather have your autograph than mine."

Wilson Mimer once assured the critics that a play he'd written would be a hit. Consequently they all went to the opening. After the curtain fell on the flop, Mimer rushed around to wake the critics and apologize.  
"What are you sore about?" he flipped. "At least you didn't lose any sleep over it!"

After one Broadway opening a famed producer hastened around to the critics' bench to try and wangle an idea of how they liked it. He pumped Percy Hammond, who kept a poker face until the producer sneezed.  
"God bless you," a stooge said. "You mean," said Hammond, "God help you!"

"Dear Walter: In your roundup on literary pickpockets, you overlooked the Mcacken box that was 'taken' seriously. Back in 1919 or 1920, to spoof reformers, he wrote a fictitious history of the bathtub, claiming that when it was first introduced in the 1840s, by a Cincinnati, laws were passed against it in Boston and other cities, and that the President who installed one at the White House was defeated in the next election because of it. The story was thefted by several who took it as gospel truth, and eventually turned up as fact in an encyclopedia. It has cropped up periodically, though Mcacken long since exposed it and the cribbers.—Clark Kinnaird."

The other night at the Stork a world famous ham actor fainted, and his companion tried to revive him by slapping his face.  
"Never slap a ham on the face," advised Billingsley, "slap him on the back!"

Earth is a strange planet indeed.  
(No place to be born a guy on.)  
One half its people stand in line for bread,  
One half stand in line for Nylon.

A group of Dublin's more dignified reporters called on playwright Sean O'Casey at his residence. After a polite reception at the door, the scribes were ushered into the library prepared for a formal interview. They seated themselves, looked around—and then the lifted pinky atmosphere melted.  
Draped across O'Casey's fireplace was this sign: "Get On With the Bloody Play!"

John Barrymore was arrested for speeding in a hick town. At the courthouse he rushed to the phone.  
"We're only allowing you one call," said the judge, "so you better phone your lawyer."  
"Lawyer, hell," snapped John. "I'm phoning my press agent."

Have you heard about the sponsor who dropped a certain Mr. & Mrs. radio program out West—but is still keeping the wife?

Just after the last election FDR had an appointment with a visiting Gov. But due to a meeting on war matters, he was detained.  
"Mr. President," his secretary said, "I guess you know you have kept the Governor of Massachusetts waiting four minutes."  
"That's not so bad," winked Roosevelt. "I intend to keep the Governor of New York waiting four years."

It happened in the Senate gallery when Billie Seawright's short-lived filibuster. Spectators were apathetically listening to the so-and-so, when one of them leaned over to whisper to a companion.  
"Beh," said the other, "don't you know there's a BORE on?"

Inquiring photographer Sam Mellor stopped a group of ex-GIs to ask what they thought of the way Congress is treating returning servicemen.

"Do you think," asked the newsmen, "that Congress kept its promise and received the vets with open arms?"  
"That's the trouble," nifted an ex-GI (bandleader Herbie Fields). "Congress welcomed us with open arms—instead of open minds."

A group of reporters were discussing the fate of Goering.  
"I guess they'll convict him," said one.  
"I'm not so sure," said a columnist. "I hear the State Dept. wants him as Ambassador to Spain."

The Italian Government has barred coffee from gift packages sent to Italy.

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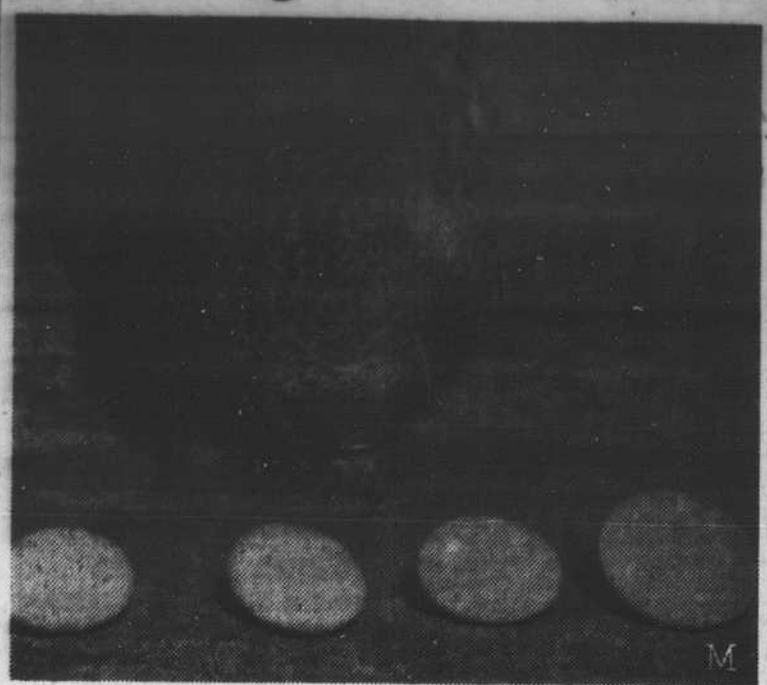
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## Something to Cackle About!



George Ward of 51 Pearl Street is pretty proud of his Plymouth Rock chicken that lays super eggs the size of those in the above picture. All are double-yoked, the biggest on the right weighing six ounces and measuring eight and three-quarter by seven and three-quarter inches. The other three eggs weighing four ounces each measure seven and one-half by six and one-half inches.

## Bay State Trio Held Here Pending Inquiry

Accused Held Under Bonds on Charge Of Violating City Ordinance; Cheap Jewelry Offered for Sale

Three Massachusetts men were held here today under bonds of \$500 each for a hearing Friday on charges of violation of the city ordinance pertaining to peddling. The trio was arrested last night by Detectives James Stack and Joseph Dunphy and Patrolman Edward Hurley who said the trio tried to sell cheap jewelry without a permit.

The three arraigned before Judge John L. Gaffney in City Court this morning were: Michael Melchione, 27, of 146 Athens Street, Boston; Benjamin Laham, 26, of 1285 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston; and Joseph Abdo Nassie, 36, of 12 Laconia Street, Boston.

Inspector Joseph R. Bendler, head of the Detective Bureau, said the men, suspected of having previous records, bought the jewelry in their home state and tried to sell it in various pool rooms, taverns, etc., in Waterbury. He said Massachusetts police are being queried to obtain details of previous offenses.

**Continuance Granted**  
A continuance to May 26 was granted Anthony D. Marro, 26, of 20 Wildemere Avenue, when he was arraigned on a charge of evading responsibility in an automobile accident on Highland Avenue near Vernon Street last night.

Motor Patrolman Matthew Guarini and Anthony Lombardo said the car driven by the accused in a southerly direction, went off the curb, jumped a one-foot stone wall and knocked down six-foot of an iron fence atop the wall. Police said the man failed to stop after the accident.

Other cases: R. E. Towne of Torrington (illegal parking, \$5 bond called; Joseph Mastrogiro, 66, of 407 West Main Street, breach of the peace and assault, continued to



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Funeral will be held Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the Bergin Funeral Home, 290 East Main Street, to the Immaculate Conception Church at 9. Burial will be in new St. Joseph's cemetery.

**MASSES**  
**CARNEY**—A first anniversary Mass of requiem will be celebrated tomorrow morning at 8:00 o'clock, at St. Thomas Church, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Mary Carney.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
In loving memory of our mother, grandmother and sister, Mrs. Mary Carney, who died one year ago today:  
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## Committee Appointed By Mayor

Inquiry To Be Made To Assist Veterans

In an endeavor to clarify the eligibility status of Waterbury veterans as to apprenticeship and on-the-job training Mayor John A. Monagan yesterday appointed a five-man committee of the Waterbury Veterans' Advisory Center to make a study and survey of the local situation.

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee held yesterday the matter of such GI benefits training was discussed. Many veterans have reported to the Center that they have not been able to obtain such benefits because of age or because apprenticeship openings are filled.

According to standards of many unions only so many apprentices are permitted to be employed in ratio to the number of journeymen also employed in the particular department or establishment. Age limits have been set in some instances.

The committee appointed by the Mayor consists of Niel J. Bulger; Charles Melville, J. Milton Burrall, Alexander Nole and Harold Slatery. The group will meet with employees and representatives of the A.F.L. and C.I.O. on Thursday, May 23 at the Veterans Center.

Many veterans report that their age has interfered with their getting the benefits provided under the GI benefits. It has been their claim that some unions and employers have refused to permit them to undertake a three-year training course at the age of 35 because they will find the journeyman's field difficult to break into at the end of the training period.

A government lease permitting the Waterbury unit of Veterans Administration to continue operation at the Center was signed by the mayor at yesterday's meeting.

The Veterans Administration has been housed at 106 Grove Street, since April, 1945, and at present the staff of 14, headed by Edward W. Kelley of Naugatuck, chief contact officer, is using four rooms.

Prior to moving to the Grove Street building, the organization occupied offices at the City Hall for a year.

## Extra Judge May Be Sent Here for Week

Pre-Trial Sessions Proposed To Clear Docket

An extra Superior Court judge may be assigned to Waterbury shortly to conduct pre-trial sessions for one week, it was indicated by Judge Edward J. Quinnan at the opening of court today.

Assignment of an additional jurist has been sought by Judge Quinnan for several weeks, to aid in disposition of the large number of jury actions now ready for trial. The judge told lawyers today that arrangements were progressing favorably.

The pre-trial session would be the first of its type held here. Under the procedure, lawyers would meet with the judge to stipulate out case pleadings, so that no arguments on legal issues involving pleadings would have to be presented after the jury began hearing evidence.

Judge Quinnan pointed out today that a pre-trial session now would aid considerably in hastening disposition of jury cases next Fall and Winter.

A large backlog of jury cases was built up here when two murder trials last year consumed a long period of time in the court and off-set jury civil hearings.

Pre-trial sessions have been held frequently in Hartford, and also have been conducted in New Haven and Bridgeport.

## Private Business Faces Keen Tests Next 25 Years

New York, May 15 (UP)—Private enterprise in the western hemisphere over the next 25 years will face keen competition from the system of state control of industry, but private enterprise will win out if it performs "a better job than it has ever done before," Jesse W. Randall, president of the Traveler Insurance Companies, Hartford, Conn., said yesterday.

Randall, in a talk before the hemispheric insurance conference, expressed hope that competition between private initiative and state-controlled economy will be peaceful and that adherents of both beliefs "will each try to prove by the results we produce which of the two systems is best for the public at large."

The system of private enterprise, he asserted, can create more progress and generate prosperity than can any state controlled economy, but not "if we try to live on past glory."  
"We must keep on our toes, ever eager to learn what the public wants and needs and we must be constantly alert to improve our contracts and our services," the executive said.

## Kiwanis Radio Week Observed

A program in observance of Kiwanis Radio Week, May 12 to 18, featured a meeting this noon of the organization at the Hotel Elton, President Fred Bishop presided.

The annual observance, received the endorsement of Mayor John Monagan, who urged local citizens to join with the Kiwanis in paying tribute to the radio industry here and in Canada "for its many contributions to the community."

In an exchange of Kiwanis Radio Week messages, Hamilton Holt, president of Kiwanis International, and Justin Miller, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, pointed to the future of radio and cautioned that it must remain free of political domination in order

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## Crosby Students in Annual Cavalcade

### Unusual Array of Talent To Take Part in Big Event Friday Evening in Wilby Auditorium

J. Francis Boland, Latin teacher at Crosby High School, will again be master of ceremonies for the annual presentation of "The Crosby Cavalcade of 1946" to be held at Wilby High School auditorium Friday evening at 8:15.

Over 50 Crosby students aided in planning and producing this year's performance. Proceeds from the show are used for purchasing equipment for the high school. This year the students are planning to purchase a recording machine for use in classrooms.

Arrangements have been made to re-broadcast the show at 11:15 Friday night over WBRY. The program will be recorded by the radio station during the performance and later released over the air.

Faculty advisors for the cavalcade are Roy H. Walsh, J. P. Kinney, Clarence Tappin, James Murphy, Joseph Feeney, Carl Timberlake and Charles McCarthy. Included in the cast are Jack O'Brien, Florence Andes, Morton Kramer, Yvonne Sherwell, Norman Holme, Gina Di Tito, Judy Cole, Yvonne Matney, Barbara Doyle, Gerry Chertier, and a large orchestra conducted by Joe LaMattino.

Roy Schwartz is general chairman of the committee in charge of the performance. Other committee representatives are George O'Connor and Robert DeZimmo, assistant general chairmen; William Goldstein, chairman; Carol Wall, vice-chairman; Virginia Lockwood, secretary; Frances Murphy, treasurer; John Urban, committee chairman.

Committee members include Fred Arber, Sherman Weisman, Mark Sacharoff, Jerry Zackin, Marian Swenter, Jean Barnett, John Girdyzauskas, Alfred Silverman, James Wylie, Ernie Zecca, Dave West, Doris Armstrong, Elva Rempfer, Janice Chapin, Trudy Buerkle, Muriel Sesseiman, Ann Castonguay, Charlie Squires, Fernando Nanni, Bill Orfield.

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